

WASHINGTON COUNTY FARM STATISTICS

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Washington County is located in eastern New York bordering the eastern Adirondack mountains and Vermont. In 1998, there were 208,000 acres in farms, 39 percent of the county's total 535,040 acres. There were 880 farms in the county averaging 236 acres per farm. Washington county ranks 12th in the state for number of farms and 10th for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$77.5 million. Total sales averaged \$105,073 per farm. The leading products sold were: dairy products, cattle and calves, hay & silage, nursery and greenhouse, and poultry products.

The average value of land and buildings per farm in 1997 was \$319,743. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$62,251 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$61.3 million for an average of \$82,632 per farm. The Census showed 65 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 53.2 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the average personal income for all wage earners in the county in 1996 was \$16,911.

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

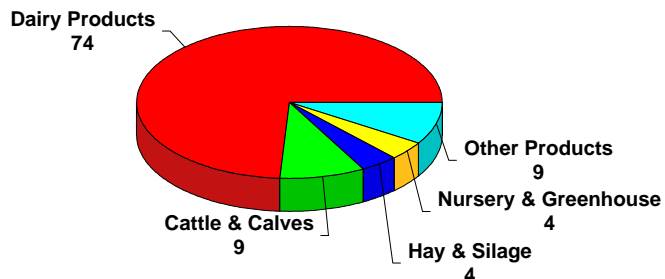
Product	1997 Sales	Percent of Total	County Rank
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Dairy Products	57,368	74	5
Cattle & Calves	6,998	9	7
Hay & Silage	3,150	4	5
Nursery & Greenhouse	2,913	4	21
Poultry Products	D	0	11
Other Products	7,115	9	
TOTAL SALES	77,544		11

1997 Census of Agriculture

D: Cannot be disclosed-included in "Other Products"

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Percent of Total Sales



FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND LAND USE

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Total Cropland 1/	Permanent Pasture 2/	Total Woodland 3/	Other Land 4/
		Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
1940	2,934	410,391	5/	5/	78,440	5/
1950	2,349	384,889	208,448	72,377	87,664	16,400
1959	1,625	351,043	166,351	80,504	81,416	22,772
1969	1,038	267,339	149,946	5/	63,866	5/
1978	932	258,586	160,781	20,128	62,217	15,460
1982	948	256,796	156,372	23,555	58,371	18,498
1987	960	249,100	152,200	21,900	59,200	15,800
1992	875	226,000	135,700	22,900	50,400	17,000
1993	890	223,300	134,100	22,000	49,400	17,800
1994	890	216,400	131,600	20,100	48,100	16,600
1995	880	215,000	131,200	19,100	48,500	16,200
1996	885	210,300	129,800	17,900	47,600	15,000
1997	885	209,500	129,800	16,900	47,900	14,900
1998	880	208,000	130,200	16,500	46,700	14,600

1940-1982 U.S. Census of Agriculture 1/ Includes cropland pastured. 2/ Excludes cropland and woodland pastured.
3/ Includes woodland pastured. 4/ Land in house lots, ponds, wasteland, etc. 5/ Not available.

FARMS BY SALES CLASS

Sales Class	1992	1997
Number of Farms		
Under \$10,000	263	292
\$10,000 to \$49,999	149	163
\$50,000 to \$99,999	95	78
\$100,000 or more	238	205
Farms Reporting	745	738

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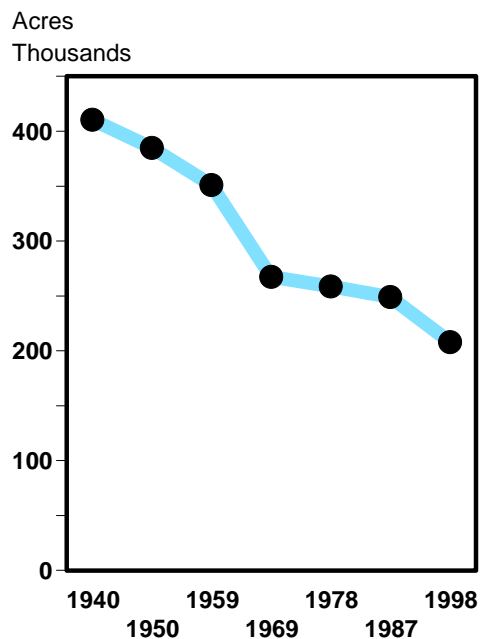
RESIDENT POPULATION

In 1998, County's population ranked 44th in the state

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	46,700	56
1950	47,100	56
1960	48,500	58
1970	52,700	63
1980	54,800	66
1990	59,300	71
1998	60,481	72

U.S. Census of Population

Land in Farms



CATTLE: Number on Farms, January 1

Year	All Cattle & Calves	Beef Cows	Milk Cows
Number on farms			
1940	45,874	1/	1/
1950	50,038	482	29,258
1959	55,006	493	32,497
1969	51,939	2,055	28,410
1978	57,000	1,700	31,000
1982	61,000	2,500	32,000
1987	60,000	1,800	31,500
1992	56,000	1,800	27,500
1993	56,000	1,500	27,500
1994	55,000	1,800	26,500
1995	54,000	1,400	25,500
1996	55,000	1,500	25,000
1997	54,000	2,000	24,500
1998	52,000	2,000	25,000

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

MILK: Cows & Production

Year	Annual Avg. Milk Cows	Average Production Per Cow	Total Milk Production
No. Head Pounds Million lbs.			
1940	1/	1/	1/
1950	1/	1/	1/
1959	1/	1/	1/
1969	1/	1/	1/
1978	31,200	12,500	390.0
1982	32,000	12,600	403.2
1987	31,000	13,800	427.8
1992	27,500	15,000	412.5
1993	27,000	15,000	405.0
1994	27,000	15,000	405.0
1995	25,500	15,800	402.9
1996	25,000	15,800	395.0
1997	24,500	16,100	394.4
1998	24,500	16,400	401.8

1/ Not available.

OATS: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
Acres Acres Bushels Bushels				
1940	1/	11,640	27.6	321,218
1950	1/	8,120	27.8	225,957
1959	1/	8,942	47.8	427,871
1969	1/	1/	1/	1/
1978	2,000	1,500	53.0	79,500
1982	2,200	1,300	58.0	75,400
1987	2,100	500	56.0	44,800
1992	1,100	500	56.0	28,000
1993	1,100	700	65.0	45,500
1994	1,300	1,100	64.0	70,400
1995	800	500	59.0	29,500
1996	400	400	54.0	21,700
1997	500	500	50.0	25,000
1998	600	500	61.0	30,500

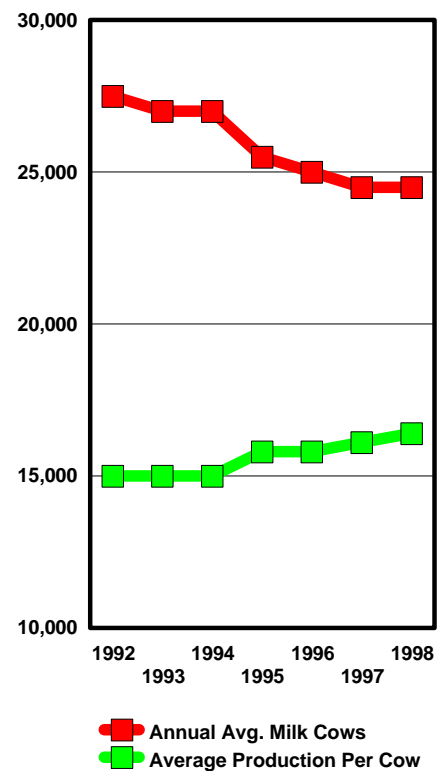
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EQUINE: Inventory and Value,

1997 Census of Agriculture

Total Equine	Rank in State	Inventory Value	Rank in State
913	21	\$348,000	12

MILK: Cows & Production

CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	All Planted	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	22,442	8,032	36.9	296,593	1/	1/	1/
1950	20,493	4,372	43.5	190,172	15,617	8.6	134,801
1959	19,660	2,406	48.1	115,652	17,109	8.2	140,035
1969	27,200	3,300	91.0	300,300	1/	1/	1/
1978	40,600	9,000	96.0	863,800	31,000	14.4	447,150
1982	44,200	14,300	101.6	1,452,900	29,700	12.9	382,100
1987	40,500	12,700	110.0	1,397,000	26,800	15.0	402,000
1992	41,500	12,600	110.0	1,386,000	27,100	15.2	411,900
1993	40,600	12,700	102.0	1,294,400	27,400	14.8	405,800
1994	41,200	13,400	108.0	1,448,300	27,800	15.7	435,500
1995	38,300	11,600	108.0	1,253,500	26,500	14.3	380,100
1996	35,100	9,100	106.0	964,900	25,600	15.9	406,000
1997	35,700	8,700	104.0	904,800	26,700	14.0	373,800
1998	35,300	8,600	106.0	913,600	26,700	15.8	421,900

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available

HAY: Acreage, Yield, and Production 1/

Year	Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay			Total Hay		
	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	4,278	1.8	7,836	101,657	1.1	110,480	105,935	1.1	118,316
1950	11,214	1.7	19,440	78,756	1.2	97,102	89,970	1.3	116,542
1959	27,322	1.8	50,061	61,314	1.4	84,677	88,636	1.5	134,738
1969	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	65,766	2.0	132,598
1978	27,900	2.7	75,300	42,600	1.8	76,700	70,500	2.2	152,000
1982	30,500	2.3	70,200	41,200	1.7	70,000	71,700	2.0	140,200
1987	21,000	2.7	57,700	42,000	2.2	90,600	63,000	2.4	148,300
1992	19,900	2.5	49,700	25,600	1.8	46,200	45,500	2.1	95,900
1993	18,000	2.5	45,700	27,800	1.6	43,300	45,800	1.9	89,000
1994	16,000	3.0	48,700	27,500	1.8	48,800	43,500	2.2	97,500
1995	16,400	2.7	44,300	24,400	1.6	39,000	40,800	2.0	83,300
1996	17,700	2.7	47,800	23,100	1.9	43,900	40,800	2.2	91,700
1997	18,700	2.5	46,500	21,700	1.9	40,700	40,400	2.2	87,200
1998	17,500	2.3	40,900	19,500	1.9	37,600	37,000	2.1	78,500

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available